GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1517
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REBATE ON HIGH SPEED DIESEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has accorded sanction for grant of rebate on High Speed Diesel (HSD) for the operation of mechanized fishing boats below 20 metre length;

(b) if so , the details thereof;

(c) whether fishermen are provided with subsidy on High Speed Diesel under the scheme of Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-HarvestOperations;

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the details of the schemes, State-wise;

(e) the condition/ criteria laid down under the said scheme to extend benefits to fishermen;

(f) Whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the States including Andhra Pradesh for removing/ relaxing some of the conditions; and

(g) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) Yes,Madam.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and PostHarvest Operations,a rebate on High Speed Diesel (HSD) oilused by small mechanized fishing vessels below 20 meter length is provided to coastal States/UTs. The central rebate is restricted to 50% of the sales tax exempted by the States with a ceiling of 3.00 per liter.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Details of funds provided during last three financial years under the CSS are as below:

Sl No.	Names of States/UT's	Year-wise funds released (Rs in lakh)		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1	West Bengal	100.00		
2	Orissa	100.00		
3	Andhra Pradesh	75.00		

4 Tamil Nadu 300.00 300.00

5 Karnataka 250.00 300.00

6 Maharashtra 200.00

7 Gujarat 300.00

No funds have been released so far during the current financial year (2011-2012)

(e) Under the CSS,the central subsidy isrestricted
(i) to the fishing vessels of less than 20 meter size whichwere registered before 10th plan,
(ii) the fishing vessels owned by fishermen belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category and
(iii) 500 liters per fishing vessel for every active fishing month.

(f) Yes, Madam.

(g) Restoration of the diesel subsidy to all categories of mechanized fishing vessels irrespective of the economic status of the owner, as demanded by the fishermen organisations and coastal States has not been supported by the Ministry of Finance.